Product quality and adherence to safety

The FPA Region VII headed by Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa led the random weighing, sampling, inventory and price monitoring at JYA Merchandising Corporation, Poblacion, Bogo City, Cebu. The activity aims to assure the end-users or the farmers of quality fertilizers at reasonable prices.
Direction setting and inspiring recognition

To enable the agency to come up with its proposed activities and budgets for 2021, the FPA held its Annual Planning Workshop facilitated by the Planning, Management and Information Division (PMID).

During the closing ceremony of the program, the FPA recognized the efforts of its different offices, both from the Central and Regional Office, towards the fulfillment of FPA's mandate and to the implementation of the Ease of Doing Business and Government Service Delivery Act in the agency.

The following personnel and offices were awarded:

Best Presenter – Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. – FPA Region VII Regional Officer

Most Compliant Division Field Unit in the Submission of Financial Claims – Region VI

Highest Percentage of Attendance During the Flag Raising Ceremony – Laboratory Services Division

Most Compliant Division Field Unit in the Submission of Reportorial Requirements – FPA Region II and Region VII

Highest Budget Utilization among All Field Units – Region VI

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Highest Budget Utilization among the Offices in Central Office – Finance and Administrative Division

Most Compliant Division in the Submission of Reportorial Requirements - Laboratory Services Division

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Strengthening collaboration with the industry

FPA Region VII Provincial Officer Sunday Flores served as resource speaker on the proper and safe use of fertilizers and pesticides during the harvest festival sponsored by SL Agritech Corporation held in Barangay Cansumbol, Bilar, Bohol.

The event was attended by rice farmers which aimed to showcase new varieties of hybrid rice which may potentially give them higher yields to meet the increasing demand for rice.
Product quality and adherence to safety

To ensure industry compliance with the PD 1144 and FPA policies, Region IV Provincial Officer Romulo Crucillo conducted a warehouse audit of Jardine Distribution, Inc. in Silangan Industrial Estate, Canlubang, Calamba City, Laguna.

Good warehouse-keeping practices, product inspection, inventory, monitoring of the volume and positioning of chemicals were observed.
As part of the FPA mandate to educate the public on the proper application of fertilizers and pesticides, CARAGA Regional Officer Danilo Negre explained to a farmer found not wearing any body protection, the importance of using basic Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) to protect a person from chemicals, heat, injury, and infection. This is being worn to promote occupational safety and health.
Live on air, Region VII Provincial Officers Andy Cornell Bornillo and Sunday Flores discussed the FPA’s vision, mandate, regulatory functions and most importantly on the safe and judicious use of fertilizers and pesticides during the program “ANG PANGUMA” of the 103.9 DYDL-FM being hosted by Gerry Lansang of Longping Tropical Rice Development Corporation.
Public information

FPA CAR Regional Officer Reynaldo Segismundo and Provincial Officers Rowena Billig and Rodell Goha-Od facilitated a two-day Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training for the Cropzone Agriculture Cooperative Malucay’s Residence, Cada, Baling, Mankayan, Benguet. Cropzone.

With 27 participants, the ASD Training aimed to educate the stakeholders on the Presidential Decree 1144; general fertilizer and pesticide information, handling and storage, transport and distribution, poisoning and first aid; and other related topics on the regulation of fertilizer and pesticide.
Region II Provincial Officer Henry Cayaban discussed the safe and responsible use of agricultural pesticides and proper waste disposal during the Good Agricultural Practice (GAP) training conducted by the Office of Provincial Agriculturist of Cagayan.

This activity was conducted at the Municipal Training Hall, Centro I, Lasam, Cagayan wherein the promotion of the safe and proper use of agricultural pesticides is one of the activity objectives.
In partnership with Croplife Philippines, FPA Region II conducted three series of seminars on the responsible use of agricultural pesticides and insect resistance management (IRM) to senior and graduating agriculture students of Isabela State University – Roxas, San Mariano and Cabagan Campuses. This is in relation to FPA’s mandate to educate the public from the risks inherent to the use of such agricultural inputs.
Fortifying collaborations and immersing in the field

Region VII Provincial Officer Noel Negre attended the Regional Agri Fishery Extension Network (RAFEN) First Quarter Meeting held at the Golden Valley Hotel, Pelaez Street, Cebu City.

During the event, each member agency presented their Performance and Accomplishments for the Calendar Year 2019.

The RAFEN was created to strengthen inter-agency collaboration towards the implementation of extension services for agricultural productivity and food security.
Fortifying collaborations through field immersions

FPA Region II Provincial Officer Leonardo Bangad attended the meeting presided by DA Cagayan Valley Regional Director Narciso Edillo to present FPA’s accomplishments and 2020 targets that supports the overall mandate of the Department of Agriculture.

Issues were also raised such as food safety, proliferation of smuggled, fake or unregistered pesticide in the market and to support the GAP program of DA Region II.

Director Edillo directed the DA Planning Officers to assign the FPA staff as Specific Matter Specialist who will focus on providing technical inputs regarding fertilizer and pesticide regulation and their proper application.
Product quality and adherence to safety

FPA Laguna Provincial Officer Romulo Crucillo monitored the experimental trial being administered by Dr. Patrick Rocamora together with research assistant Perly Roquiso after they were issued an Experimental Use Permit (EUP). The products being used for trial are Serius Fertilizer, Power Plant and Humic Plus. Such activity is a requirement by FPA before any fertilizer or pesticide product is registered.
Public information

FPA CAR headed by Regional Officer Reynaldo Segismundo along with Provincial Officer Rowena Billig organized and facilitated an Accredited Safety Dispenser (ASD) Training for the United Farmers of Cada Agriculture Cooperative at the Four Square Church.

Thirty-one (31) individuals composed of nine (9) males and twenty-two females (22) completed the training.
Product quality and adherence to safety

A warehouse visit was conducted by Region IV Provincial Officer Romulo Crucillo for the renewal of license of Universal Aquarius Inc. located at CIP II Calamba City, Laguna.

PO Crucillo was assisted by Supervisor Melbourn Baradas, Regulatory Officer Rey Reyes, and the Warehouse Head.

This is in line with the FPA's function to monitor the operations of f/p plants, warehouses and other establishments all over the country to ensure product quality and adherence to safety standards by establishments.
In coordination with Engr. Irene Bringas, FPA CAR Regional Officer Reynaldo Segismundo facilitated an Information, Education, and Communication (IEC) campaign on the safe handling, judicious use & application of agricultural inputs, to K12 Students at Mt. Carmel Agri-Tourism and Training Center, Inc., Pidigan, Abra.
Public information

FPA CAR Regional Officer Reynaldo Segismundo served as a resource speaker during the Abra Farmers Association 4th Annual General Assembly held at the Cosili East Bangued, Abra.

RO Segismundo reiterated during his talk to use only FPA-registered pesticides and fertilizer products for the protection of farmers' health, safety and environment sustainability.
DA SOCCKSARGEN Leadership
Turn-Over Ceremony

Region XII Regional Officer Alita Bornea along with officials and personnel of SOCCKSARGEN witnessed the turn-over ceremony of leadership from the outgoing Regional Executive Director Milagros Casis to Arlan Mangalen at the DA XII Building, Prime Regional Center in Barangay Carpenter Hill.
Product quality and adherence to safety

Region III OIC-Regional Officer Romeo Val Suguitan, Jr. led the warehouse inspection of Planters Products Inc. located at PPI Bulacan Warehouse - 3935 Mercado St., Poblacion, Guiguinto, Bulacan. The FPA Region III team was accompanied by the Director- Plant Operations Engr. Ethyl Ruth V. Ramirez and Warehouse Officer Jeffrey E. Gapuz. After the monitoring of their warehousekeeping practices, FPA suggested interventions to lessen the risk associated in the key operations of the warehouse.
FPA relief goods distribution
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As a way of providing assistance to communities affected by disasters, the Fertilizer and Pesticide Authority provided relief packs to Taal Volcano eruption evacuees from Agoncillo, Batangas who are temporarily relocated at Brgy. Pook ni Banal, San Pascual, Batangas. The goods were distributed by FPA Region IV Regional Officer Leticia Hernandez, Provincial Officers Mark Nicky Larga, Allan Jade Rojo and Dexter Leynes. They were joined by the FPA Central Office staff Administrative Officers Aurea Cagayat and Jonalyn Rañola, and Administrative Assistants Eljohn Esparas and Clarence Masada who brought donations from the FPA CO.
Another batch of participants were catered by the series of seminars on the responsible use of agricultural pesticides and Insect Resistance Management (IRM) initiated by FPA Region II headed by Regional Officer Henry Fronda in partnership with Croplife Philippines.

The said activity was participated by senior and graduating agriculture students from Cagayan State University (CSU) Gonzaga, Lallo, Sanchez Mira and Piat Campus and from Apayao State College, Luna Campus.
Region II Provincial Officer Henry Cabayan talked about the safe and responsible use of agricultural pesticides, understanding the product label, proper waste disposal and insect resistance management (IRM) to the 46 OJT from Southern Cagayan Research Center on February 21, 2020 at Minanga Norte, Iguig, Cagayan.

The seminar aimed to create awareness on the responsible use of agricultural pesticides.
Product quality and adherence to safety

Pursuant to FPA’s mandate to promote product quality and adherence to safety, Region VII headed by Regional Officer Arnulfo Arausa, Jr. conducted a clean-up drive operation and farm visit to different Municipalities in the Province of Cebu. The activity aims to ensure that the handlers comply to the provisions, rules and regulations on the production and sale of fertilizer and pesticide products in the region.
CAR Regional Officer Reynaldo Segismundo participated in the Agricultural Training Institute's (ATI) Corn and Cassava Consultation Meeting, CY2019 Assessment, and Planning Workshop held at the Gladiola Center, BSU, La Trinidad, Benguet.
Product quality and adherence to safety

A monitoring and inspection of fertilizer and pesticide shipments and products was conducted by Region III Provincial Officer Dennis Mallari at the Subic Seaport Terminal Inc., Boton Wharf, Subic Bay Metropolitan Authority Freeport Zone, Olongapo City.

This is to ensure that the warehouse is in compliance with the good housekeeping practices per FPA Implementing Policies and Guidelines on Fertilizer and Pesticide.